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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS PRACTICAL SKILL HEADBED II IMMOBILIZER

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Purpose:		Indications:		
To provide rigid stabilization of the spinal column in a		Patients with a suspected potential for spinal cord		
patient with a suspected potential for spinal cord injury in				
Advantages:	Disadvantages:		Complications:	Contraindications:
Prevent further injury	Immobilizes patient supine leaving airway		None	None
	easily compromised if patient vomits			
	Straps may restrict respiratory effort			

Place patient on long board

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Place HeadBed II under patient's head with occipital cushion under back of head and patient's ears positioned above ear outline on HeadBed II

Pad as necessary behind neck to maintain neutral position (especially in children and patients with severe kyphosis)

Wrap side panels of HeadBed II up against head; EMT holding cervical stabilization holds them in place

Apply Velcro strap across forehead just above eyebrows and press onto Velcro fasteners on side panels

Pull red tabs out simultaneously and press device firmly against board

Attach one end of dual adhesive strap to underside of board, level with patient's forehead

Dry forehead as necessary

Position adhesive strap across forehead of patient over eyebrows

Secure adhesive strap to underside of long board on other side

Reasess neurologic status